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SUBJECT: CHAIRMAN OF ECWA 4TH PLENARY ACCEPTS EC9 DEMARCHE  
AND U.S. AND EC LETTERS ON PLO ISSUE

REF: A) AMMAN 2389, B) AMMAN 2416, C) STATE 0094107

1. SUMMARY: AT MORNING SESSION APRIL 27, FOLLOWING  
VERBAL DEMARCHES BY EC9 DELS, CHAIRMAN DAJANI TOLD  
PLENARY THAT ANY OBSERVER DEL WHICH SO WISHED COULD  
ADDRESS FLOOR ON ANY SUBJECT, "WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF  
A GENERAL STATEMENT." FOLLOWING MORNING SESSION,  
RAPPORTEUR, ON BEHALF OF CHAIRMAN DAJANI, ACCEPTED  
LETTERS FROM EC9 AND FROM U.S. DEL, BOTH OF WHICH ARE  
FOR CIRCULATION. EC9 HAS GENERAL STATEMENT TO MAKE  
WHICH WILL NOT INCLUDE REFERENCE TO PLO. END SUMMARY.

2. MORNING APRIL 27, CHIEFS OF EC9 DELS PRESENT AT  
SESSION (GERMAN AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS, UK REP ADRIAN  
SMITH), APPROACHED CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN DAJANI TO  
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PRESENT ORAL DEMARCHE REGARDING OBSERVER RIGHTS TO  
SPEAK. THEY ALSO ATTEMPTED TO PRESENT HIM WITH LETTER.  
DAJANI ASKED THAT THEY HOLD LETTER TEMP-  
ORARILY. U.S. DEL THEN PRESENTED DAJANI WITH OUR  
LETTER (TEXT OF REF C), WHICH WE ALSO WERE ASKED TO RETAIN  
TEMPORARILY. DAJANI SAID THAT HE PREFERRED TO CONSULT WITH HIS  
COLLEAGUES BEFORE ACCEPTING LETTERS. HE THEN

WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION WITH CHIEFS OF MEMBER DELEGATIONS. FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION, DAJANI CALLED MORNING PLENARY TO ORDER AND BEGAN BY DELIVERING REMARKS IN ENGLISH.

3. DAJANI TOLD PLENARY THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE STILL EXISTED SOME CONFUSION AS TO EVENTS OF YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, AND HE WISHED TO CLARIFY BASIS ON WHICH "A CERTAIN OBSERVER DELEGATION" WAS NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK. REASON FOR REFUSAL, SAID DAJANI, WAS A PROCEDURAL ONE AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH SUBJECT MATTER OF PARTICULAR TOPIC AT HAND, OR WITH GENERAL RIGHT OF ANY CONSULTATIVE MEMBER TO COMMENT: "A RESOLUTION HAD BEEN SUBMITTED, AND DISCUSSION ON IT HAD BEEN CLOSED." DAJANI STRESSED THIS (WHAT HE TERMED) PROCEDURAL TECHNICALITY, WHEREBY OBSERVERS COULD NOT SPEAK ON MATTER ON WHICH DISCUSSION HAD BEEN CLOSED. DAJANI CONTINUED BY NOTING THAT ARTICLE 63 OF RULES OF PROCEDURE CLEARLY AFFIRM RIGHT OF ANY CONSULTATIVE MEMBER TO COMMENT ON ANY SUBJECT HE WISHED -- ASSUMING SUBJECT WAS STILL OPEN FOR DISCUSSION, WHICH HAD NOT BEEN CASE YESTERDAY EVENING. THEREFORE, HE SAID, HE WISHED TO MAKE IT CLEAR TODAY THAT ANY OBSERVER DELEGATION WHICH WISHED TO DO SO COULD MAKE "A GENERAL STATEMENT, WHICH COULD INCLUDE PARTICULAR TOPIC." DAJANI ALSO SAID THAT CHAIR WOULD ACCEPT ANY WRITTEN STATEMENT ON MATTER OF CONCERN TO PLENARY AND WOULD CIRCULATE SUCH A STATEMENT TO CONFERENCE MEMBERS.

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4. EC9 REP SMITH RESPONDED BY THANKING DAJANI ON BEHALF OF EC9 FOR CLARIFICATION OF ISSUE. U.S. DEL MADE NO STATEMENT.

5. FOLLOWING MORNING MEETING, EC HEAD DELEGATE AND U.S. DEL PRESENTED THEIR RESPECTIVE LETTERS TO PLENARY RAPPORTEUR, WHO SAID THEY WOULD RECEIVE PROPER ATTENTION. U.S. LETTER WAS TAKEN VERBATIM FROM REFTEL C. EC9 LETTER WAS AS REPORTED IN REFTEL B EXCEPT THAT INTRODUCTORY PHRASE WAS OMITTED TO ACCOUNT FOR INTERVENING DEVELOPMENTS. LETTER AS DELIVERED BEGINS, "ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY...."

6. COMMENT: DAJANI PLOY, DESCRIBED IN PARA 2 ABOVE, HAS BOTH ALLOWED EC AND USG TO MAKE THEIR POINTS FORMALLY AND HAS AVOIDED ANY ADMISSION THAT LAST NIGHT'S DECISION PROHIBITING US DEL COMMENT ON PLO ISSUE WAS IMPROPER.

7. RECENT CONCILIATORY GESTURE BY ECWA COUPLED WITH

OUR INTEREST IN NOT DIVERTING CONFERENCE FURTHER FROM ITS MAJOR BUSINESS, AS WELL AS EVIDENT WILLINGNESS OF EC-9 REPS NOW TO BE ACTIVE ON PLO ISSUE, SUGGEST THAT IT IS IN BEST INTERESTS OF U.S. NOT TO ATTEMPT TO MAKE FURTHER ORAL DEMARCHE ON PLO ISSUE AT THIS SESSION OF ECWA, UNLESS FOR SOME REASON OUR LETTER IS NOT CIRCULATED. WE WILL, HOWEVER, ATTEMPT TO INSURE THAT ECWA INCRIBES OUR LETTER ON OFFICIAL RECORD, AS THEY HAVE PROMISED TO DO.

8. U.S. DEL HAS MAINTAINED CLOSE COORDINATION WITH EC-9 THROUGHOUT PROCEEDINGS TO INSURE COMPATABILITY OF OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS. EMBASSY HAS ALSO EXPLAINED ISSUE TO JORDANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY TO INSURE THEY UNDERSTAND OUR POSITION.  
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